

2.5 Community Cluster 5—Eastside



Question 1: What do you consider to be the most significant factor(s) that make the City of Long Beach a desirable place to live, work, and play?

Land Use/Location

- Centrally located*
- Close to everything

Residential/Housing

- Neighborhoods are stable*
- Affordable housing given coastal location*
- Low-density housing

Commerce/Employment

- Proximity to jobs
- Small and unique businesses
- Shopping*
- Access to businesses
- Quality restaurant and entertainment

Transportation

- Close to freeways*
- Parks/Recreation
- Attractions

* More than one respondent had the same response.

Community Cluster Input



Parks and Theatres

- Recreation*
- Nice parks*
- Open spaces*
- Golf courses

Environment

- Beach*
- Climate*
- Environment

Character/Culture

- Diversity*
- Historic neighborhoods

- Feeling of community*
- Charm and character of neighborhoods
- Peace*
- Variety of art and theatres

Public Services

- Schools are good (LBUSD, LBCC, CSULB)*
- Safety and Police*
- City services

Miscellaneous

- Small enough to be friendly and large enough to have resources
- Whatever anyone likes is here



Question 2: What do you consider to be the most significant factor(s) that make your neighborhood (or larger Community Cluster) a desirable place to live, work, or do business? List a maximum of four factors.

Land Use/Location

- Accessibility to the region
- Low density*
- Everything is here and convenient
- Location
- Easy access to Los Angeles and Orange County

Residential/Housing

- Neighbors care about their property and keep it well maintained*
- Neighborhood association*
- Low-density housing*
- Non-tract homes
- Availability of affordable housing
- Residential neighborhood*

* More than one respondent had the same response.

Commerce/Employment

- Lots of grocery stores

Parks/Recreation

- Parks*
- Proximity to El Dorado Park*
- Trees
- Fourth of July block parties
- Recreation facilities*
- Open spaces
- Green belts
- Close to golf course

Transportation

- Limited traffic*
- Proximity to major freeways*

Environment

- Close to beach
- Character/Culture
- People*
- Stable—community minded, families
- Architectural uniqueness—character
- Quiet*
- Diversity
- Clean

Public Services

- Schools*
- Low crime rate*

Miscellaneous

- Churches*
- Nice condition

Question 3: What do you consider to be the most significant issues or problems that threaten the qualities that make your neighborhood (or Community Cluster) a desirable place to live or work (if any)?

Land Use/Location

- Planning density*
- Pressure for development

Residential/Housing

- Irresponsible residents*
- High density housing*
- High growth of housing costs
- Increase of renters vs. owners

Commerce/Employment

- Deterioration of marginal commercial uses

Parks/Recreation

- Degradation of the regional park
- We need to have more trees

- High insurance rates limit recreational use for gyms, etc.
- Tree that are overgrown and damage curbs, sidewalks, et. al.

Transportation

- Airport
- Air quality*
- Traffic*
- Carson median
- Congestion
- Noise*
- Hawaiian Gardens and lots of through traffic
- Infrastructure is getting old*
- Gridlock on freeways
- Increasing speed of vehicles

* More than one respondent had the same response.

Community Cluster Input

Public Services

- Street beautification
- Code enforcement
- Mental health treatment
- Crime*
- Graffiti*
- Gangs*

Miscellaneous

- It's a great place to live
- No known problems that I'm aware of

Question 4: Are there any places in your Community Cluster that you visit on a regular basis to interact with your neighbors and consider to function as your “downtown”—or, a central point for community activities and events, socialization, entertainment, and other activities? If so, what are these locations and what makes them function in this role? Do they foster pedestrian activity?

Commerce/Employment

- Borders Books
- Golf Course Restaurant
- 2nd Street—human and pedestrian scale; diversity of shopping and dining
- The Town Center*
- El Dorado Restaurant
- The Plaza shops
- Restaurants*
- Los Altos Shopping Center*
- Carson Mall shopping area (Town Center)
- Candlewood in Lakewood*

- El Dorado Nature Center*
- Girl Scout facility
- Recreation Park/Dog Park
- Veterans' Stadium is center point for football
- Several golf courses are available for the many golfers in the area

Public Services

- Long Beach City College*
- CSULB*
- Schools*
- KKJZ at CSULB
- Tincher Elementary School
- Council person Kell's office
- El Dorado Library

Parks/Recreation

- El Dorado Park*
- Youth center
- El Dorado Devine Towne Center
- Camp Fire facility
- El Dorado Soccer/Golf Course/Restaurant

Miscellaneous

- Churches*

* More than one respondent had the same response.

Question 5: What important land uses are missing in your neighborhood or Community Cluster that you believe should be encouraged to develop there in the future? (businesses, employment, parks, community facilities, etc.).

Residential/Housing

- Easy buy-into and access to Downtown

Commerce/Employment

- Upscale shops*
- Need to develop a “High Peak Business Park” at Pacific Center
- Higher paying jobs
- Trader Joe’s—specialty markets
- Dining (not fast food)*
- Business complex, offices, job-producing businesses
- Nice shops
- Markets and Grocery Stores
- Small business development center (technical—start-ups, etc.)
- Storage facilities—off-street parking for RVs

Park/Recreation

- Recreational facilities and swimming pools*
- Gymnastics for small children
- Parks with gymnasiums

Transportation

- Bike trails
- Crosswalks and stop signs
- Median strips—trees
- Sound walls and trees for I-405 and I-605 freeways

Public Services

- Access to post office*

Miscellaneous

- None—everything is here*

Question 6: How would you like to see your neighborhood or Community Cluster change in the future? (Prompts—“keep it as it is,” “improve its appearance,” “develop grocery stores,” etc.).

Residential/Housing

- More trees in neighborhood*
- More of the same type of housing
- Better identity for the neighborhoods, such as Ranchos, Lakewood Village*
- Increase housing ownership; less rentals
- Increase maintenance homes*
- Upgrade existing homes

Commerce/Employment

- Business park*
- Maintain and improve quality of the commercial
- Consider developing some small strip malls into nicer areas; upgrades only, not more

Parks/Recreation

- Continual park development*
- Better integration of El Dorado with neighborhoods

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Community Cluster Input

Transportation

- Fix sidewalks*
- Improve traffic circulation*
- Repair street
- City keep infrastructure up to date
- Narrow streets

Character/Culture

- Maintain character and quality of the residential neighborhoods

Public Services

- Eliminate hi-voltage wires and phone wires

Miscellaneous

- Keep it as it is*

Question 7: Are there any locations in the Community Cluster where you regularly experience traffic congestion? List specific segments, intersections, or interchanges. Describe the nature of these problems (use single words, or short phrases).

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| ■ Spring St. | ■ Bellflower and Harco turning left (south) |
| ■ Willow St. | ■ 7th Street—entering and exiting Long Beach City limits |
| ■ Studebaker Rd. | ■ Willow and Bellflower |
| ■ Bellflower and Los Coyotes Diag. | ■ 7th Street* |
| ■ Clark* | ■ PCH and 7th Street |
| ■ Los Coyotes | ■ Carson St. |
| ■ Stearns | ■ Near Lakewood Mall |
| ■ Atlantic Ave. | ■ Clark near LBCC |
| ■ Atlantic-Willow-Wardlow | ■ Shoreline Dr. by the aquarium |
| ■ East 2nd Street in Belmont Shore* | ■ Carson and Clark |
| ■ Improve access to Terrace Theatre, ICT, from Ocean Blvd. | ■ Studebaker and LCD/Carson intersection |
| ■ Wardlow near the I-605 | ■ Carson between I-605 and Studebaker (traffic congestion/volume) |
| ■ Near the Town Center (access for pedestrians to Town Center is abysmal)* | ■ Carson and Del Amo* |
| ■ 7th Street and Bellflower* | ■ Palo Verde and Willow—it's not balanced |
| ■ 2nd Street from Studebaker | ■ Palo Verde needs pedestrian overpass |
| ■ Los Altos Center (Bellflower and Stearns) | ■ Left turn lane from Willow to Studebaker Rd. South needs to be longer |
| ■ Marina Pacifica (2nd Street and PCH) | |

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Question 8: Are there locations where you have difficulty finding parking when trying to visit a business or residence in your Community Cluster?

- Tincher School
- Wardlow Park
- El Do Park West
- CSULB*
- Adjacent to any High School
- LBCC*
- Town center*
- Los Altos Center near Borders, near Stearns generally*
- The Pike
- Shoreline Village
- Need to restrict parking on Clark south of Carson, east of Clark, Greenbrier, to Buchard so that neighbors living in the area can park near their house.

Question 9: Are there residential or commercial streets in your Community Cluster where you feel the traffic volume or speed is too high? Are these local residential streets that are used as short cuts for through traffic? Do you know what causes cut through traffic on these streets (for example—are the drivers trying to avoid congestion at a particular location or a difficult turn at an intersection)?

- Spring St. to Wardlow*
- Stearns St.*
- Clark—one lane*
- Graywood—speeding*
- Del Amo and Clark
- Spring and Palo Verde
- Los Coyotes Diagonal
- Claremore Ave.
- Harco from Bellflower to Woodruff
- Studebaker Road between 7th and Spring Streets
- Willow and Spring Streets between the I-605 freeway and Studebaker
- Cut through traffic on Metz
- Fast traffic on Palo Verde *
- Traffic volume of 7th Street is high
- Too fast speed on Spring between Studebaker and I-605
- 7th Street, I-605—Clark (speed and volume)
- Arbor Rd. between Clark and Bellflower
- Conduit to Woodruff to Los Coyote Diagonal
- 7th Street
- Clark north of Spring, traffic speed exceeds speed limit most of the time
- Spring St. west of Lakewood exceeds speed limit
- Stearns St. too fast
- Los Stutos too fast

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Question 10: Are there streets where you think the walking conditions should be improved? Are there streets or street segments with no sidewalks or sidewalks that are seriously broken or cracked? What types of improvements would you suggest (e.g., better lighting, wider sidewalks, better/safer crosswalks)?

- None/Don't walk that much*
- Studebaker—access to park across it
- Street signs
- Entry monument
- Sidewalks in Rancho on the “Elm” streets*
- Access over the river bridges on Spring and Wardlow pathways along the canals along the diagonal (Los Coyotes Diagonal)
- Wardlow North–South narrow walk and vegetation overgrown from abutting homes.
- Town Center
- San Anseline—lots of cracked sidewalks
- Alongside some parks such as on Spring Street (north side), golfcarts
- Studebaker Rd. between Atherton and Anaheim
- El Dorado Park surrounding areas during summer concert series
- Lighting in subdivision areas is too sparse, especially between west of Palo Verde and south of Willow
- Within Lakewood Village on Clark Ave.
- Los Coyote Diagonal—outer circle to Stearns (west side)
- North side of Atterton east of Palo Verde (along ditch)
- Most residential areas have poor sidewalks
- No sidewalks on Clark north of Carson to Centanella; lots of traffic
- No sidewalks on west side of Clark, Spring to Carson
- Millikan High School
- Palo Verde and Belen; no crosswalks on Stearns between Steevely and Studebaker
- Studebaker Rd. near El Dorado Library

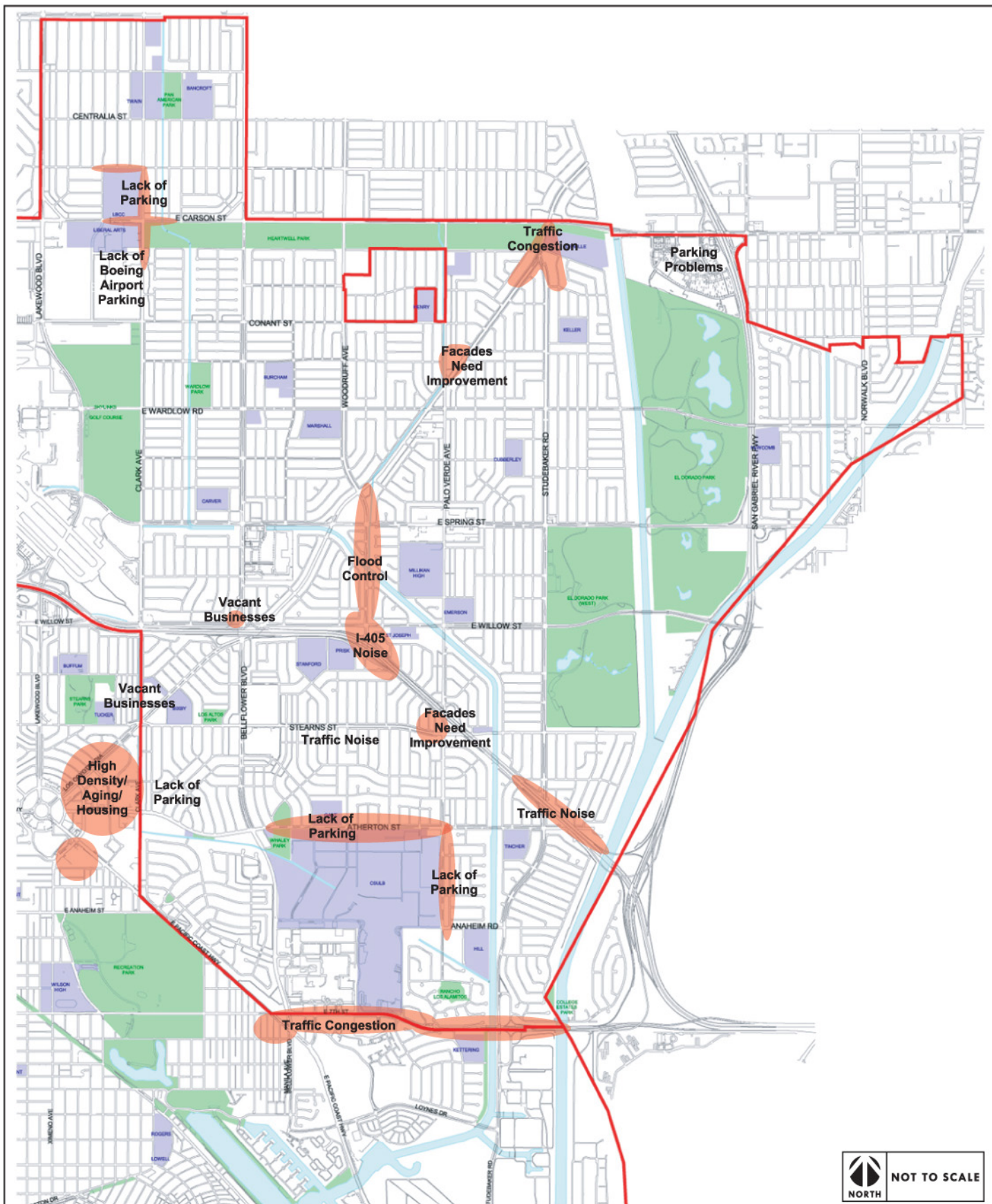
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Question 11: Do you regularly use public transit? (In the discussion, please ask for a show of hands). What would encourage you to use transit more regularly (list a maximum of two factors)? Are there any destinations that you would like to be able to reach by public transit that you cannot now reach by transit? Is the transit service adequate in your neighborhood or Community Cluster?

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| ■ No* | ■ More disabled ITRA-County |
| ■ Continued safety* | ■ Orange—LA County* |
| ■ Ease of access | ■ Make it free |
| ■ Schedule* | ■ Rail with barrier |
| ■ San Diego-5 and Lakewood | ■ Improvements include more local connectors to rail service |
| ■ Need to drive to get to the train (Blue Line) | |

Exhibits 2.5-1, 2.5-2, and 2.5-3 show the collective input from the Community Cluster Committee as to the location of the assets, problems/Issues and areas of future development.

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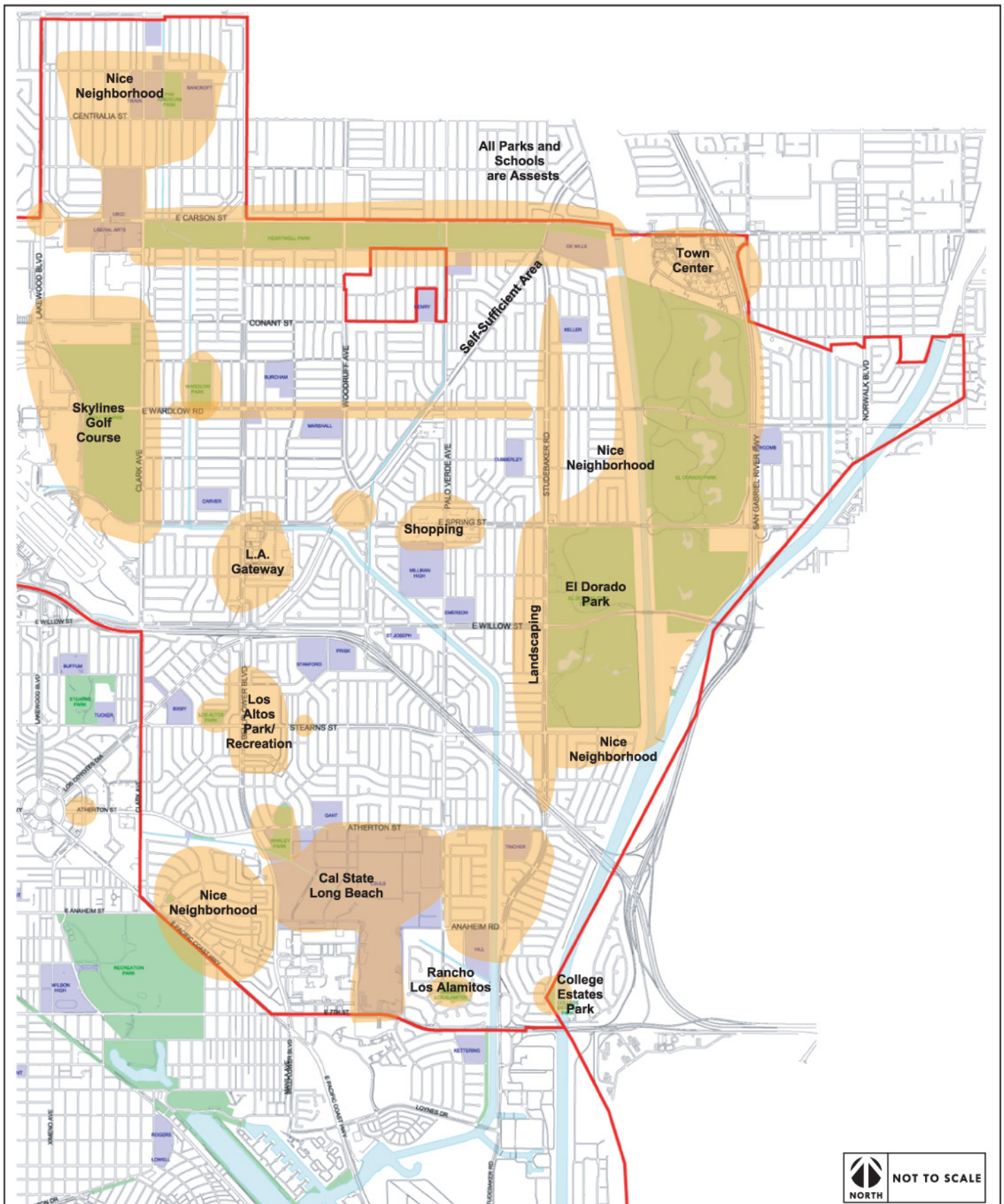


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EXHIBIT 2.5-1

Problems/Issues

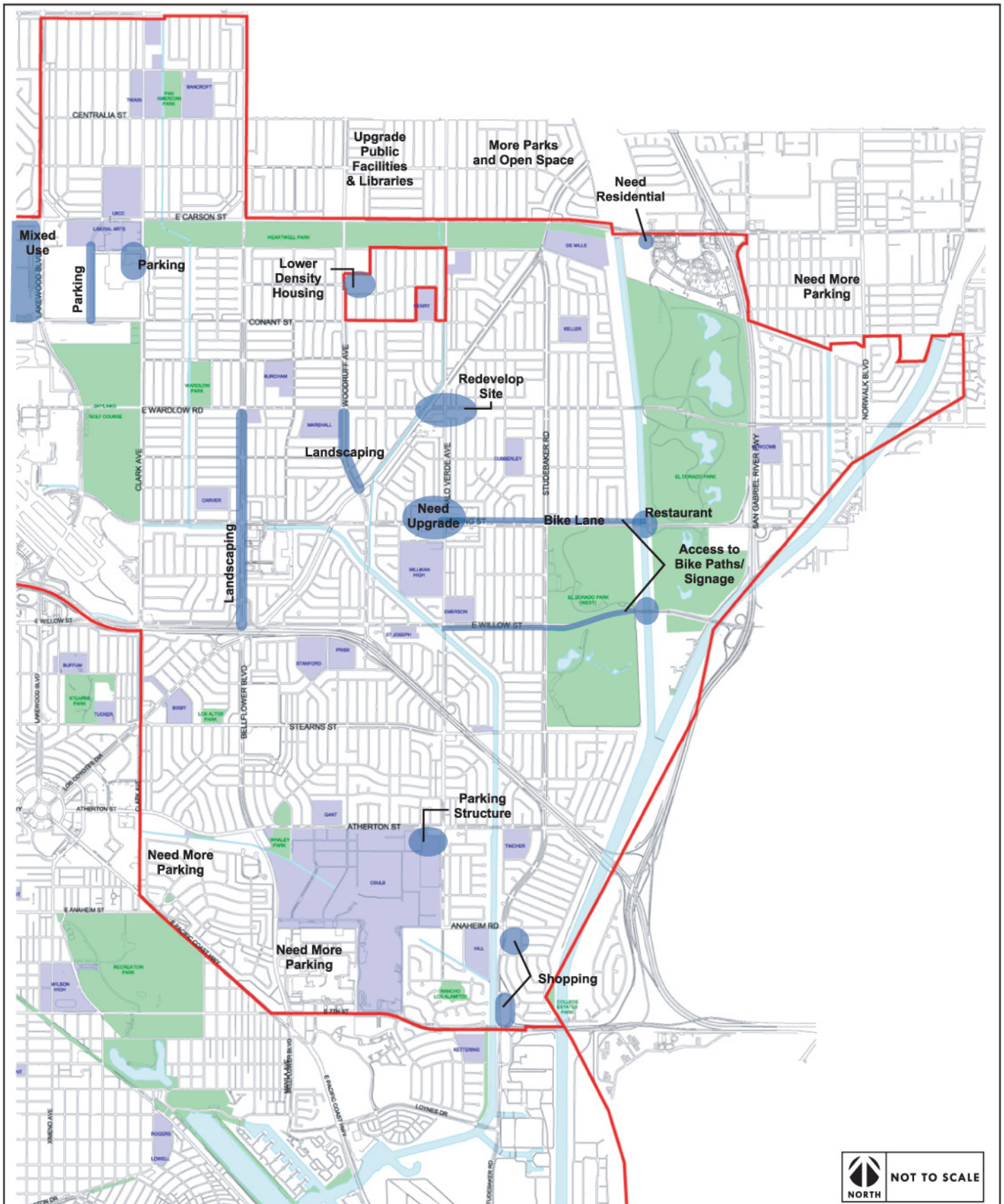


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EXHIBIT 2.5-2

Assets



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EXHIBIT 2.5-3

■ Areas for Future Development